

WO-381
Fleming's IGA
Stockton
Private

1907

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: FLEMING'S IGA

MHT Inventory Number: WO-381

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Store building

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic P.E. WHARTON & SON

and/or common FLEMING'S IGA

2. Location

street & number SW corner of MD Route 12 and MD Route 366 ☐ not for publication

city, town Stockton ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dalton D. Fleming, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 126 telephone no.:

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 21864

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Fleming's IGA stands on the southwest corner of the intersection MD Route 12 (Snow Hill-Stockton Road) and Md Route 366 (Pocomoke-Stockton Road) in the center of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay brick store building faces east.

Built around 1907 (after the November 1906 fire destroyed the business district of Stockton), the two-story seven-course common bond brick commercial building is topped by a long shed roof that extends westward from the front parapet wall. Attached during the 1960s is a single story post office on the south side of the store.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical two-bay facade with an intact Victorian storefront. A center entrance is flanked by large plate glass windows supported by paneled knee walls. Atop the main windows are smaller paned windows. Stretching across the entire storefront is decorated Victorian cornice with brackets and sawnwork. Lighting the second floor above are two evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows topped by segmental arches of raised brick. Centered above the second floor windows are small vents. Finishing the top of the store is an intact metal cornice.

The north side of the store is defined by an asymmetrical placement of small and large windows as well as a side door. Each of the openings is topped by a raised brick segmental arch. Iron tie-rods with star-shaped anchors are spotted along the wall.

The south side is partially covered by the single-story brick post office. Otherwise the side wall is finished in a similar manner as the north wall.

The interior has been remodeled through the years.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private consultant/Worcester County date 10/29/89

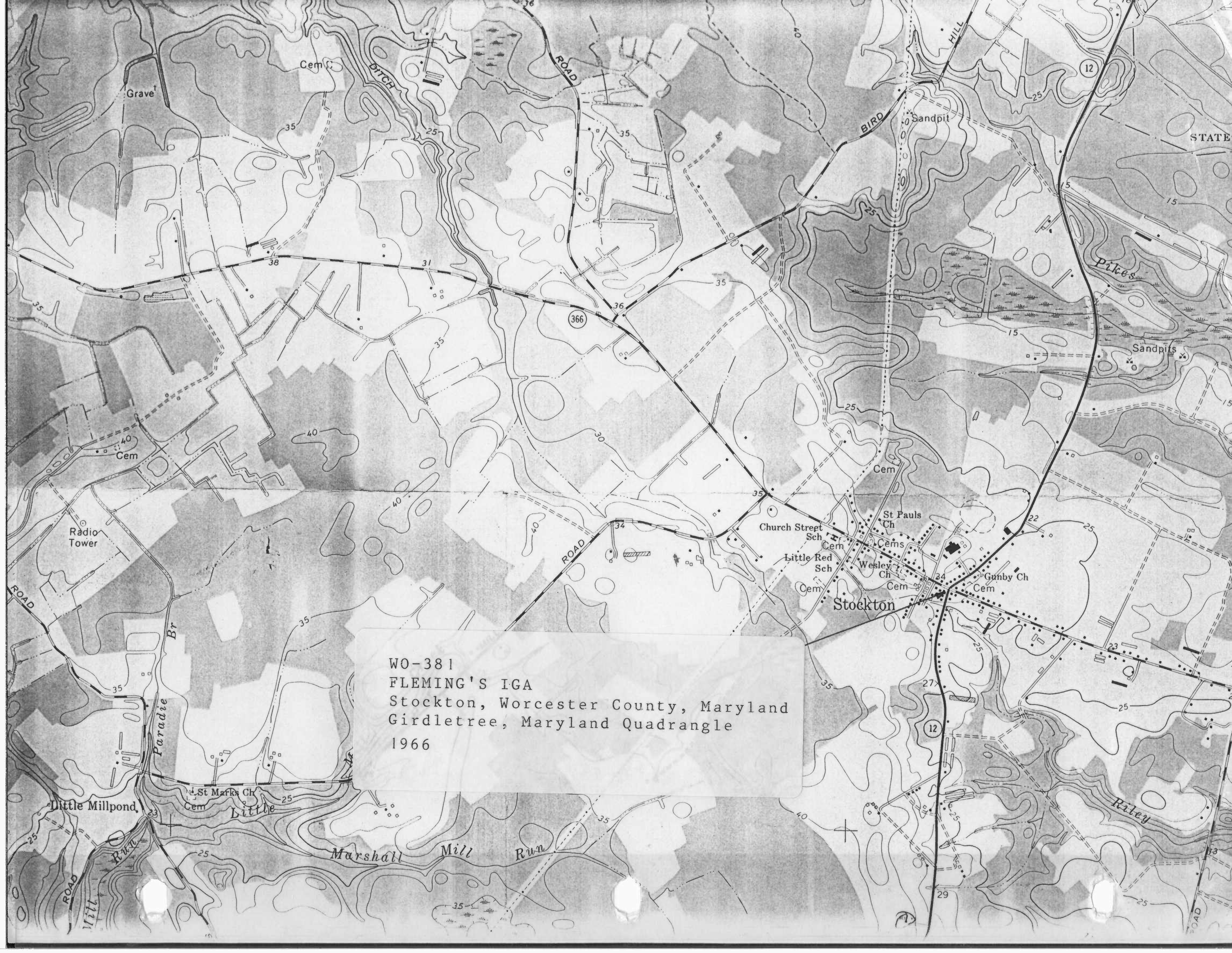
street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle
1966